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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 10, 1998

APPLICATION OF

AEP COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

CASE NO. PUC980097

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity to
provide interexchange
telecommunications services

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On June 18, 1998, AEP Communications, LLC ("AEPC" or "the Company") filed an application for a certificate to provide, by lease or otherwise, intrastate wholesale telecommunications capacity to local exchange carriers ("LECs") and interexchange carriers ("IXCs") and to provide non-switched private network services to other third parties. AEPC also requested authority to price its interexchange services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, requests approval of its initial tariffs, and asks that it be granted individual contract basis pricing authority to permit negotiation of contract services to meet the needs of AEPC customers.

AEPC seeks authority to provide intrastate services over its continuous interstate fiber optic facility running from Ohio

and West Virginia to Roanoke, Virginia. The Company will offer fiber capacity on a wholesale basis to telecommunications carriers as well as private line services to industrial, institutional and governmental users. Other services may be offered as market demand and company business plans permit.

AEPC states that it is financially qualified to undertake the provision of interexchange services in Virginia by virtue of its affiliation with American Electric Power Company, Inc. ("AEP"), a large publicly traded electric utility holding company with access to capital necessary to finance the activities of its subsidiaries and affiliates, including AEPC.

NOW having considered the captioned matter, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that AEPC's application should be docketed; that AEPC should provide notice of its application to the public; that interested persons should have the opportunity to comment and request a hearing on the Company's application; and that the Staff should be permitted to file a report herein.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This application is hereby docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980097.

(2) On or before July 24, 1998, the Company shall give notice of its application to the public by publishing the following notice as classified advertising on one occasion in

newspapers having general circulation throughout the
Commonwealth:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY AEP
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
WITHIN VIRGINIA AND TO HAVE ITS RATES
DETERMINED COMPETITIVELY - CASE NO. PUC980097

On June 18, 1998, AEP Communications, LLC ("AEPC" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide interexchange telecommunications services to the public throughout the Commonwealth. AEPC also requests approval of its initial tariffs and requests authority for individual contract basis pricing authority to permit negotiation of contract services to meet the needs of its customers.

AEPC seeks authority to provide intrastate services over its continuous interstate fiber optic facility running from Ohio and West Virginia to Roanoke, Virginia. AEPC plans to offer fiber capacity on a wholesale basis to telecommunications carriers as well as private line services to industrial, institutional and governmental users. Its application states other services may be offered as market demand and company business plans permit.

Copies of AEPC's application are available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or can be ordered from AEPC's attorney, Anthony Gambardella, Esquire, Woods, Rogers & Hazlegrove, P.L.C., 823 East

Main Street, Suite 1200, Richmond, Virginia
23219.

Any person wishing to comment or request a hearing on AEPC's application should file an original and twenty (20) copies of his comments or a request for hearing with William J. Bridge, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before August 3, 1998, and should refer to Case No. PUC980097. Requests for hearing must state with specificity why a hearing is necessary.

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(3) On or before July 24, 1998, the Company shall give notice of its application to each certificated local exchange telephone company and interexchange carrier operating in Virginia by personal delivery or by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(4) On or before July 24, 1998, the Company shall furnish a copy of this Order to the chairman of the board of supervisors of each county and the mayor or city manager of each city or town within the service territory sought (or to equivalent officials in counties, cities, and towns having alternate forms of government) by personal delivery, or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(5) On or before August 3, 1998, any person wishing to comment or request a hearing regarding AEPC's application shall file an original and twenty (20) copies of such comments or request for hearing with William J. Bridge, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, referring to Case No. PUC980097. Requests for hearing must state with specificity why a hearing is necessary.

(6) On or before August 7, 1998, the Commission Staff may file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Staff Report, and shall mail a copy to counsel for the Company.

(7) On or before August 14, 1998, AEPC shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of all testimony it expects to introduce in rebuttal to the Staff Report, if such a Report is filed.

(8) Responses or objections to interrogatories or requests for the production of documents and things shall be made within seven (7) calendar days of the receipt of same; otherwise, the remaining provisions of Rule 6:4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure shall apply.

(9) On or before August 28, 1998, AEPC shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of publication of the notice and service required herein.